## ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR EMERGENCY PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE AFFECTING PORTIONS OF THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

## SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST AREAS CLOSED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, 16 USC 551, and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), and 261.50(f), the following acts or omissions are prohibited on portions of Superior National Forest System lands, roads and trails, Lake County, Cook County. Minnesota. These restrictions go into effect 12:01 am on Wednesday, May 2, 2012.

- BWCAW CAMPSITE, PORTAGE and TRAIL CLOSURE: It is prohibited to be upon BWCAW campsites, portages and trails that are posted closed or are designated as closed by this order. 36 CFR 261.53(e) Special Closures, Public Health or Safety. The following specific areas within the Pagami Creek Fire area remain closed:
  - Campsites that are posted closed.
  - Portages accessing Horseshoe, Brewis, Harbor, North Wilder, and South Wilder Lakes.
  - · Pow Wow Trail.

THESE EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE WILDERNESS RESOURCE AND FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DUE TO CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM THE PAGAMI CREEK WILDFIRE, THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AS LONG AS THEY ARE POSTED ONSITE AND UNTIL RESCINDED. THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS FOUND AT 36 CFR 261, SUBPART A, THE GENERAL OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS FOUND IN FOREST ORDER NOS. R909-06-01, R909-05-02, R909-04-06. THIS FOREST ORDER SUPERCEDS ORDER NO. R909-12-01.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Persons engaged in a business, trade or occupation in the area, when authorized and when accompanied by a Forest Officer or official member of the Incident Command Team.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2012 Duluth, Minnesota.

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**Superior National Forest** 

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.]